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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT ENGINES

REF: NEW DELHI 3425

1. GE'S WASHINGTON OFFICE RECOMMENDS THAT HINDLEY CONTACT
T. N. LABASH, AT THEIR OFFICE HERE, 777 14TH STREET, N.W.,
TELEPHONE 202-637-4495.

2. LABASH TOLD US MARCH 13 THAT GE IS AWARE OF INDIAN
INTEREST IN THE CJ-610 ENGINE. GOI IS APPARENTLY PLANNING
TO BUILD 70 NEW HJT-16 TRAINER AIRCRAFT AND IS CONSIDERING
RE-ENGINEING THEM WITH THE CJ-610. HAL HAS ALREADY BEEN IN
TOUCH WITH THE GE REPRESENTATIVE IN INDIA, M. G. BHANOO OF
ELPO INTERNATIONAL LTD., NEHRU HOUSE-4, BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR
MARG, P.B. 278, NEW DELHI 110001. LABASH SUGGESTS THAT
HINDLEY GET IN TOUCH WITH BHANOO FIRST, ALTHOUGH HE SAID
BHANOO IS "NOT AN ENGINE MAN."

3. IF, INDEED, HINDLEY IS WORKING ON SOME ASPECT OF A
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POSSIBLE GE ENGINE DEAL (FYI: GE HERE HAS NEVER HEARD OF

HINDLEY OR HIS COMPANY) UNCLEAR ABOUT NEED FOR SPECIAL
SECURITY SINCE BHANOO HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GOI-
OWNED HAL, PRESUMABLY THE PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR ANY NEW

PRODUCTION OF THE HJT-16 TRAINER. INGERSOLL

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